

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02254-RC**

CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN  
WASHINGTON v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/29/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/29/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6284297) filed by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons HHS, # <u>3</u> Summons Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons USAO)(Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICS IN WASHINGTON (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zjd) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
07/29/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Entered: 07/29/2019)
08/06/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES served on 8/2/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/5/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/4/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States

		Attorney General 8/5/19. (Sus, Nikhel) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
08/14/2019	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its answer by September 18, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on August 14, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 9/18/2019. (tj) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
09/17/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
09/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by October 1, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on September 17, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
09/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 10/1/2019 (tj) (Entered: 09/19/2019)
10/01/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by October 31, 2019, describing the status of HHS's search efforts, the results to the extent they are known, and a proposed processing timetable. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 1, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/31/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further status report by December 2, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on October 31, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
11/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/2/2019 (tj) (Entered: 11/07/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a further joint status report by December 5, 2019, describing the status of HHS's search efforts, the results to the extent they are known, and a proposed processing timetable. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on December 2, 2019. (lcrc3) (Entered: 12/02/2019)